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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA

SUBJECT : U-2R ECP Funding

REFERENCE : [ ] (not dated)

1. On 8 March 1968 a meeting was held with [ ]  
[ ] to discuss subject ECP funding  
in connection with the concern expressed in referenced  
memorandum.

2. Results of this discussion indicated the following:

- a. A similar meeting with BPD, CMD, and D/R&D took place on 8 December 1967. This meeting reviewed outstanding U-2R ECPs and the method for handling these under the IDEALIST support contracts rather than under the U-2R procurement contract #1929.
- b. A workable mechanism does exist for identification, processing, approval, and funding for U-2C ECPs under the D/M managed IDEALIST support contract #1923.
- c. No reason exists for preventing this same mechanism to include processing ECPs for the U-2R under the same D/M managed IDEALIST support contract #1923.
- d. The U-2R Planning and Management Posture document, [ ] concurred in by the D/NRO, places the responsibility for U-2R configuration management with the Requirements Review Board (a configuration control board) of which D/M is chairman. It provides this board with the authority to "approve (or disapprove) configuration requirements which would not violate the integrity of the basic U-2R airframe, propulsion system and vehicle performance." Although not specifically

NRO review(s) completed. [ ]

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stated, this authority must logically include the processing and approval of ECPs which do not affect performance or are not of a major configuration change nature. Any major change such as the recent EWS reconfiguration would be treated separately with higher level guidance as was, in fact, done in going to the Systems Project Officer (D/SA) via the Executive Committee for Development.

- e. A need exists for more activity of the U-2R Requirements Review Board in the identification, review, substantiation, and approval of the various ECPs now existing against the U-2R. In the future, budget estimates should be provided BPD for inclusion in the #1923 contract submission.
- f. A need exists for establishing with NRO an OSA coordinated and approved mechanism of providing funding in the IDEALIST support contract for covering U-2R as well as U-2C ECPs. This now appears to necessitate soliciting an agreement from the NRO that such funding coverage is necessary for the U-2R as well as for the U-2C and that a periodic listing of those ECPs which have been approved by the Requirements Review Board during the preceding period will be furnished the NRO in substantiation of the funding provided.

3. The following actions are underway:

- a. [ ] will prepare a paper outlining the CCB mechanism for identification, review, and approval of U-2R ECPs in conjunction with closer control and monitoring by this configuration board.
- b. [ ] will prepare a paper outlining the most feasible approach for soliciting the necessary funding from the NRO. This will include coordination of all interested OSA components and will be submitted to the Systems Project Officer (D/SA) for his approval.

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- c. Both papers above should reference the U-2R Planning document, [ ] which provides OSA with the responsibility and authority for U-2R configuration management.

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